

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 14 are amended, claims 6 and 11 were previously amended, claims 2, 3, and 9 are original, and claim 15 was cancelled.

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 4, 5, and 12 because of certain informalities. With this amendment Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 5, and 12 to correct the informalities. Therefore, objection to claims 1, 4, 5, and 12 has been overcome, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112. With this amendment Applicant has amended the claims to correct the items identified by the Examiner. Therefore, rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been overcome, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112.

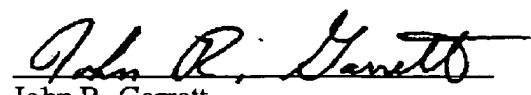
Applicant notes that the claims were not rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 or under 35 U.S.C. 103.

The independent claims are now believed to be in allowable form. Since the dependent claims include all the limitations of the respective independent claims upon which they depend, the dependent claims are therefore also allowable. Allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action at an early

date is earnestly solicited. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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